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August 14, 2014

Hon. Rick Scott, Governor
State of Florida

Hon. Jeff Atwater, Chief Financial Officer
State of Florida

Hon. Pam Bondi, Attorney General
State of Florida

Hon. Adam Putnam, Commissioner of
Agriculture
State of Florida

Dear Governor Scott, Attorney General Bondi, Chief Financial Officer Atwater, and
Commissioner of Agriculture Putnam:

I write to request that you consider the site selection of the state's new veteran nursing home facility as part of the August 19th Cabinet agenda. The Governor and Cabinet must move swiftly to implement the recommendation of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs' Site Selection Committee so that veterans of the Treasure Coast and surrounding areas will have access to high quality nursing home services.

As you know, the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs' Site Selection Committee selected St. Lucie County's site in Tradition as the top choice for the state's new nursing home. This selection was made after committee members carefully considered a wide range of factors in a fair and transparent manner. The selection of St. Lucie County for the state's new veteran nursing home will provide those in the service area with health care, follow-up assistance, and long-term care services. The nursing home will serve veterans residing in St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River, Okeechobee, and Highlands Counties with the ability to reach over 200,000 veterans in the service area, half of whom are seniors over the age of 65.

I appreciate your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Patrick E. Murphy
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CC: Colonel Mike Prendergast, Executive Director of Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs